

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an election requirement between the following Groups:

I. Directed claims 1-13 and a Process for recording information in a nucleic acid polymer.

II. Directed claim 14 and a device for storing information comprising metal containing nucleic acid duplex housed in the lumen of the channel formed in a membrane.

Applicants have elected Group I containing claims 1-13 for the process of recording information in a nucleic acid polymer with traverse.

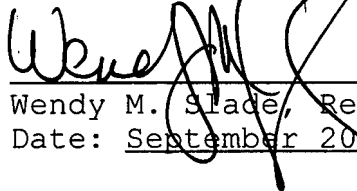
This election is made with traverse as it is believed that the prosecution of both groups of claims would fall within the same areas of art and would not place an undue burden on the part of the Examiner to prosecute. In addition, inclusion of all claims will ease the burden on the applicants to maintain separate applications on the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this election, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number shown below.

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